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Chernov homeward-bound at Heathrow yesterday with his wife Valerina and their seven-year-old son Anton.

Prime had 'blackmail' list

GEOFFREY PRIME, the
jailed spy, acted as a
"talent spotter" for his
Soviet masters and drew
up a detailed list of staff
at the Government
Communications HQ in
Cheltenham who he
thought could be black-
mailed.

During his 14 years as a Russian linguist, the last two at GCHQ Prime, 42, who was jailed for 55 years in November, built up details on file of the people he worked with.

As a result of the discovery of a considerable number of files containing hundreds of personal facts about his colleagues, those named have been interviewed by officers of MI5 and GCHQ's security division.

Five of those named by Prime
have subsequently been discip-
lined and lost security clear-
ance because they were not
entirely frank and forthcoming
when they were interviewed.

The people were questioned in an attempt to discover if they had been put under any pressure by the Russians.

Facts withheld

The five who lost security clearance, and as a result were demoted, tried to cover up certain facts which they did not know their interrogators were aware of as a result of Prime's information.

Although none was found to be under pressure from the Russians, they have been demoted because they failed to disclose certain personal details.

The inquiries, described by one of the five as "hostile," involved detailed examination of their own private bank accounts and extended to what they did in their private lives.

Replaced by 'mole'

The reason for the

BONUS FOR FALKLAND SETTLERS

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS

A GROUP of six teachers and one public work administrator are due to leave Britain for the Falkland Islands next month as part of a Government scheme offering tax-free bonuses worth up to £6,000 a year to professionals prepared to accept short-term contracts overseas.

The teachers will be among the first civilians to settle in the Falklands since the Argentine invasion.

They have been recruited by the Overseas Development Administration, a branch of the Foreign Office which also sends British professionals to underdeveloped Third World countries.

A spokesman for the Administration said yesterday the bonus scheme, which had been in operation for "many years," was intended to "top up" salaries paid by the Falkland Islands Government and offer British teachers an inducement to move to the South Atlantic.

Staff salaries

Teachers' salaries on the Islands range from £3,500 to just over £4,400. The tax-free "top-up" can be worth between £4,500 and £6,000 a year.

The bonuses are only payable to staff appointed by the Falkland Islands Government and recruited by the Overseas Development Administration.

The incentive scheme was devised in the pre-invasion days when most Britons needed a large atlas to pinpoint the whereabouts of the Falklands.

In the aftermath of the victory against Argentina, the flood of applications to emigrate to the Islands suggests that the Government may well find it no longer needs to offer people inducements to work there.

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